

## Senate Resolution 535

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Friday, September 18, 2009, as POW/MIA Recognition Day at the state capitol;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of the United  
4 States armed forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings  
5 of liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world; and

6 WHEREAS, commemorations honoring America's POW/MIAs, those returned and those still  
7 unaccounted for from our nation's wars, began in 1979; and

8 WHEREAS, every year the President of the United States signs a proclamation recognizing  
9 a specific day to honor this country's POW/MIAs; and

10 WHEREAS, the number of unaccounted for Georgia soldiers from World War II and the  
11 Korea and Vietnam wars totals 571; and

12 WHEREAS, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is a task force of all military  
13 branches charged with the mission of recovering and repatriating MIA soldiers and POWs;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, on the third Friday of September ceremonies will be held throughout the nation  
16 and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, and in schools, churches, and fire  
17 stations in honor of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action; and

18 WHEREAS, the focus of POW/MIA Recognition Day is to ensure that America remembers  
19 its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and do everything possible to  
20 account for those who do not return; and

21 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the brave and courageous men and women of this  
22 nation's military who have not returned home or who have suffered as prisoners of war be  
23 remembered and honored.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 join in recognizing Friday, September 18, 2009, as POW/MIA Recognition Day at the state  
26 capitol and extend their utmost and profound appreciation for all members of the United  
27 States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and the press.